

Claims- Marked Up

12. (amended) A test kit for detecting microbial contaminations in non-sterile products, particularly according to GMP guidelines, including cosmetics and foodstuffs, which test kit comprises at least one DNA fragment comprising the following SEQ IDs and spacers:

- a) a forward primer (SEQ ID forward primer);
- b) a probe (SEQ ID probe);
- c) a reverse primer (SEQ ID reverse primer);
- d) optionally a spacer between forward primer and probe,
- e) optionally a spacer between probe and reverse primer;
- f) optionally a spacer upstream from the forward primer,
- g) optionally a spacer downstream from the reverse primer,

the SEQ IDs ((SEQ ID forward primer), (SEQ ID probe), and (SEQ ID reverse primer)) also comprising variants wherein one, two or three nucleotides have been substituted, deleted and/or inserted, the variant essentially having the same function as the sequence of the SEQ IDs ((SEQ ID forward primer), (SEQ ID probe), and (SEQ ID reverse primer)),

with probes, the function of binding to DNA, and with primers, the function of binding to DNA and providing an extendable 3' end for the DNA polymerase,

the spacers comprising 0-40 nucleotides,

the DNA fragment, selected from the group of

(i) for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

SEQ ID No. 9 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 10 as probe, and

SEQ ID No. 11 as reverse primer

(ii) for *Escherichia coli*

SEQ ID No. 12 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 13 as probe, and

SEQ ID No. 14 as reverse primer

(iii) for *Salmonella* ssp.

SEQ ID No. 15 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 16 as probe, and

SEQ ID No. 17 as reverse primer

(iv) for bacteria

SEQ ID No. 18 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 19 as probe, and

[SEQ ID No. 20 as reverse primer]

reverse primer chosen from the group consisting

of SEQ ID No. 20 and SEQ ID No. 55

(v) for enterobacteriaceae

SEQ ID No. 44 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 46 as probe, and

SEQ ID No. 45 as reverse primer

(vi) for enterobacteriaceae (16S rRNA)

SEQ ID No. 47 as forward primer  
SEQ ID No. 48 as probe, and  
SEQ ID No. 49 as reverse primer  
or additionally all those sequences which are complementary  
to the above sequences from SEQ ID No. 9 to 49 and SEQ ID  
No. 55.

13. (amended) A method of detecting microorganisms in  
products, particularly in drugs or cosmetics, said method  
comprising the following steps:

a) use of primers and fluorescence-labeled probes having  
the appropriate sequences and variations thereof,

(i) for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

SEQ ID No. 9 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 10 as probe, and

SEQ ID No. 11 as reverse primer

(ii) for *Escherichia coli*

SEQ ID No. 12 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 13 as probe, and

SEQ ID No. 14 as reverse primer

(iii) for *Salmonella ssp.*

SEQ ID No. 15 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 16 as probe, and

SEQ ID No. 17 as reverse primer

(iv) for bacteria

SEQ ID No. 18 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 19 as probe, and

[SEQ ID No. 20 as reverse primer]

reverse primer chosen from the group consisting

of SEQ ID No. 20 and SEQ ID No. 55

(v) for enterobacteriaceae

SEQ ID No. 44 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 46 as probe, and

SEQ ID No. 45 as reverse primer

(vi) for enterobacteriaceae (16S rRNA)

SEQ ID No. 47 as forward primer

SEQ ID No. 48 as probe, and

SEQ ID No. 49 as reverse primer

or additionally all those sequences which are

complementary to the above sequences from SEQ ID No. 9

to 49 and SEQ ID No. 55;

b) propagating the DNA using PCR, and

c) irradiating with specific wavelengths exciting the  
fluorescent dye,

d) measuring and quantifying the emission of the excited  
fluorescent dye.